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SUBJECT: DEPUTY MINISTER SEMENOV'S STATEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1976
(SALT TWO - 1089)

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY DEPUTY MINISTER
SEMENOV AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1976.

QUOTE:

AS WE RESUME THE WORK OF THE DELEGATIONS, I GREET
THE US DELEGATION AND ITS STAFF.

AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS HELD, THE SIDES HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WORK ON EMBODYING THE
SOVIET-US. UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN
VLADIVOSTOK IN THE DRAFT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF
STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL THE END OF
1985.

THE USSR DELEGATION IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTINUE
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THE WORK OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT

AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER 10, 1974.

IN THE COURSE OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS THE DELEGATIONS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE MANNER OF COUNTING ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS, UNDERGOING CONVERSION FOR MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS, WITHIN THE 1,320 AGGREGATE LEVEL.

THE SIDES AGREE THAT IT IS ADVISABLE TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ARTICLE VI WITH RESPECT TO WHEN LAND-BASED ICBM LAUNCHERS AND SLBM LAUNCHERS, UNDERGOING CONVERSION FOR MISSILES WITH MIRVS, WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO LIMITATION WITHIN THE 2,400 AGGREGATE, BUT NOT SUBJECT TO LIMITATION WITHIN THE 1,320 AGGREGATE, BECOME SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION ON LAUNCHERS WITH MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS.

AS YOU KNOW, THE DECEMBER 10, 1974 AIDE-MEMOIRE PROVIDES THAT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OVERALL 1,320 LIMIT IT IS ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS THAT ARE TO BE COUNTED. IT FOLLOWS FROM THIS THAT IT IS PRECISELY LAUNCHERS OF MISSILES WHICH ARE LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS THAT MUST BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS BEING ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE DRAFT. SUCH AN APPROACH WHICH, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS SHARED BY THE U.S. SIDE AS WELL, ALSO GUIDES US IN RESOLVING THE QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTS TO ARTICLE VI.

IT IS EVIDENT FROM PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS THAT IN SUBSTANCE THE SIDES ARE OF THE SAME VIEW THAT SLBM LAUNCHERS UNDERGOING CONVERSION FOR MISSILES WITH MIRVS BE COUNTED WITHIN THE 1,320 AGGREGATE LEVEL BEING ESTABLISHED AFTER THE SUBMARINE FIRST GOES TO SEA UPON COMPLETION OF ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR CONVERSION.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE MANNER OF COUNTING ICBM LAUNCHERS, UNDERGOING CONVERSION FOR MISSILES WITH MIRVS, WITHIN THE 1,320 LEVEL BEING ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE DRAFT

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AGREEMENT.

THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE VI BY APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY ANALYZED. IN THE INTERESTS OF PROGRESS IN OUR WORK AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED HERE, THE USSR DELEGATION HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSE IN THIS CONNECTION THAT ICBM LAUNCHERS, WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE LIMITA-

TIONS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE V OF THE AGREEMENT BEING WORKED OUT, BE COUNTED WITHIN THE 1,320 NUMBER AT THE FINAL STAGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR CONVERSION FOR MISSILES EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SOVIET SIDE PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FINAL STAGE OF ACTIVITIES" FOR CONVERSION BE AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

THE USSR DELEGATION PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT THIS SOVIET PROPOSAL, BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS, IS FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER 10, 1974, BY WHICH WE ARE TO BE GUIDED.

AS FOR REPLACEMENT AND CONVERSION PROCEDURES, THEY WILL BE WORKED OUT IN THE FUTURE IN THE SCC, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VI AND, OF COURSE, THE REQUIREMENTS OF VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS BEING ESTABLISHED. WE PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE AGREED PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XVII, PAR. 2, REFLECT AN UNDERSTANDING ON PRECISELY THIS SCORE.

THE USSR DELEGATION PROPOSES THAT THE WORK OF AGREEING UPON SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR INCLUSION IN ARTICLE VI CONCERNING ICBM LAUNCHERS AND SLBM LAUNCHERS UNDERGOING CONVERSION FOR MIRVS BE ASSIGNED TO THE DRAFTING GROUP.
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